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**770 L Street, Room 1160  
Sacramento, CA**

**Minutes of Meeting  
February 10, 2011**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Michele Burton, M.P.H.  
Daniel Eaton  
Marvin Kropke  
Vicki Marti

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT****CMAC STAFF PRESENT**

J. Keith Berger, Executive Director  
Tacia Carroll  
Paul Cerles  
Nathan Davis  
Denise DeTrano  
Keith Farley  
Dana Griggs  
Katie Knudson  
Marilyn Nishikawa  
Becky Swol  
Mike Tagupa  
Karen Thalhammer

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT**

Richard Sanchez, Department of Health Care Services  
Robert Nelson, Department of Finance

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT****I. Call to Order**

The February 10, 2011 open session meeting of the California Medical Assistance Commission (CMAC) was called to order by Commissioner Eaton. A quorum was present.

## **II. Approval of Minutes**

The January 27, 2011 meeting minutes were approved as prepared by CMAC staff.

## **III. Executive Director's Report**

J. Keith Berger, Executive Director, welcomed Richard Sanchez who was representing the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). Mr. Sanchez is part of the Safety Net Financing Division, and has worked closely with CMAC on the administration of the Selective Provider Contracting Program (SPCP). Mr. Berger stated Mr. Sanchez is great to work with, and that CMAC is pleased to have him participate in Commission meetings in this additional role when necessary.

Mr. Berger informed the Commissioners that, as noted by the DHCS representative at the last CMAC meeting, DHCS has issued a bulletin on the rate freeze, and the California Hospital Association (CHA) has filed a lawsuit seeking an injunction on its implementation. A federal judge issued a temporary restraining order (TRO). The February 25, 2011, is the scheduled hearing date on the injunction requested by the CHA. Due to the hearing, CMAC will not have additional information in time for the next Commission meeting on February 24, 2011. CMAC staff will continue to keep the Commissioners updated.

In the meantime, Mr. Berger reported, the CMAC staff continues to work hard on supplemental amendments for both the Private Hospital Supplemental Fund and the Non-designated Public Hospital Supplemental Fund, as well as on various other non-rate related contract amendments. As anticipated, February continues to be very busy for CMAC.

Mr. Berger also stated there would be further discussion of the Supplemental timeline after Mr. Sanchez (DHCS) gives his progress report on the status of the Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) list.

## **IV. Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Report**

Richard Sanchez (DHCS) reported to CMAC that DHCS expects to have the final DSH list completed by the end of February 2011.

Mr. Berger noted that the initial proposed schedule for the supplemental fund process was to have as many amendments as possible presented to the Commission for review and action at the February 24, 2011 Commission meeting. Without the final DSH list, CMAC cannot act on those amendments. Once the final DSH list is issued by DHCS, CMAC staff will notice the amendments and will move quickly for the Commissioners' review and action.

**V. Department of Finance (DOF) Report**

Robert Nelson, DOF, reported to CMAC that all Medi-Cal issues have been through Budget Subcommittees and most are still being held open. Full Budget Committee hearings will begin next week and three days of meetings for the Budget Conference Committee are scheduled the following week. The goal is to have a final budget by March 1, 2011.

**VI. Public Comments/Adjournment**

There being no public comments, Commissioner Eaton recessed the open session. Commissioner Eaton opened the closed session, and after closed session items were addressed, adjourned the closed session at which time the Commission reconvened in open session. Commissioner Eaton announced that the Commission had taken action on hospital contracts and amendments in closed session. The open session was then adjourned.